



April 2017

Schedule of Events

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Join us in April as we celebrate Park Rx Day, a day to learn about getting healthy in your national parks. We will have a special reading of *The Lorax* in our planetarium in honor of National Park Week and a walk at the Georgetown Waterfront Park. April marks the first full month of spring and with that comes the return of the Exploring the Sky program presented by Rock Creek Park and National Capital Astronomers. Join us for any or all of our programs at Rock Creek Park, the backyard of the nation's capital.

Weekly Programs

Wednesdays

- **Young Planetarium** - 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center - Children are invited to explore the night sky and listen to star stories. **Ages 4 and older.**

Fridays

- **Creature Feature** - 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center - Children of all ages are invited to learn about Rock Creek Park's wild critters during this interactive program featuring live turtles and snakes. **All ages.**

Saturdays

- **Spring Night Sky** - 1:00 p.m. at the Nature Center - Discover tonight's brightest stars, planets, and constellations, including Leo the Lion, and learn their stories in the Rock Creek Park Planetarium. **Ages 5 and older.**
- **Exploring the Universe** - 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center - Explore the solar system, Milky Way, and deep space objects in this planetarium program. **Ages 7 and older.**

Sundays

- **Spring Night Sky** - 1:00 p.m. at the Nature Center - Discover tonight's brightest stars, planets, and constellations and learn their stories in the Rock Creek Park Planetarium. **Ages 5 and older.**
- **Revolutionary Skies: Deflating Patriot Myths** - 4:00 p.m. in the Planetarium - We will explore the night sky during famous events of the American Revolution time period and examine famous artwork to see if they got it right! **Ages 7 and older.**

Saturday, April 1

- **Civil War Roundtable** - 9:30 a.m. at the Nature Center - Special Guest Speaker Blake Lindsay will discuss his research into the social history of the Defenses of Washington and the conflicts between civilians and soldiers. **Ages 10 and older.**

Saturday, April 8

- **Run of the Mill** - 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Peirce Mill - See the 2,000- pound millstones convert corn to cornmeal using good old- fashioned renewable energy of water. Miller Jeanne and the Friends of Peirce Mill invite you to discover Washington D.C.'s only surviving gristmill in action. Be sure to explore the exhibits and children's crafts next door at Peirce Barn, as well. **All Ages.**

Saturday, April 15

- **Georgetown Waterfront Walk** - 2:00 p.m. at Georgetown Waterfront Park - Stroll the Georgetown Waterfront Park with us and learn how Georgetown went from an active port town to a vibrant community. Age 7 and older.
- **Morris Dance at the Mill** - 1:00-1:30 p.m. and 2:00-2:30 p.m. at Peirce Mill - The Rock Creek Morris Women, a folk dance group, performs traditional seasonal dances from the Cotswold area of England. The group will be dancing at the mill to celebrate the turning of the season and the agricultural cycles we rely on. Tradition has it that seeing the Morris dancers brings a year of good luck. All Ages.

Saturday, April 22

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- **Ranger Reads: *The Lorax*** - 2:30 p.m. at the Nature Center - Join a ranger for story time in the Planetarium! In honor of Earth Day, we’ll read Dr. Seuss’ environmental classic, *The Lorax*. All ages.

Sunday, April 23

- **Park Rx Day** - 10-10:45 a.m. at the Nature Center - Join us for a chance to connect your mind, body, and spirit during a free 45- minute outdoor yoga class led by Ranger and Certified Yoga Instructor Anna Claire Eddington. The instructor will gather inspiration from our natural surroundings to inspire this class that is focused on flowing from pose- to- pose and connecting to the environment around us. All levels welcome. Bring your own mat and water. No supplies provided. All ages.

Saturday, April 29

- **Georgetown Waterfront Walk** - 2:00 p.m. at Georgetown Waterfront Park - Stroll the Georgetown Waterfront Park with us and learn how Georgetown went from an active port town to a vibrant community. Age 7 and older.
- **Exploring the Sky** - 9:00 p.m. at Military Field (Picnic Grove 13 Parking Lot; on Glover Road near Military Road, NW) - Explore the night sky through the lens of a telescope. The National Capital Astronomers and Rock Creek Park invite you to a family- friendly hour of stargazing. Cloud cover or rain cancels the event. All ages.

Rock Creek Park Visitor Center Locations and Hours

Nature Center & Planetarium = 5200 Glover Road, NW, Washington, D.C. Open Wednesday through Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Hiking trail maps and park information, plant and animal exhibits, and bookstore.

Old Stone House = 3051 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C. Open daily, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Early American home, self-guided tours, and bookstore.

Peirce Mill = 2401 Tilden Street, NW, Washington, D.C. Open 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Peirce Mill is the last remaining gristmill on Rock Creek.

Other Park Locations

Georgetown Waterfront Park = Programs meet at the fountain at the intersection of “K” Street, NW, and Wisconsin Avenue, NW.